

## **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated December 28, 2004, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 3, 4 and 6 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 5 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 3, 4 and 6.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art ("the AAPA"). As claims 1, 2, and 5 have been canceled, the above-noted rejections are now rendered moot.


In view of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper,

may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 022817-00023.**

Respectfully submitted,



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